

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-44 and 92-110 are currently pending in this application. Claim 2 has been canceled and its subject matter has been incorporated in amended independent claim 1. Claims 3, 10 and 11 have been amended to correct claim dependency. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 4-9, 12-44 and 92-110. Applicants also note with appreciation the allowance of claims 2, 3, 10 and 11, if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 2 has been canceled and its subject matter has been incorporated in amended independent claim 1. Rewritten independent claim 1 is now the base claim of claims 3, 10 and 11.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hu et al., *Characteristics of Trenched Coplanar Waveguide For SiMMIC Applications*, 1997 IEEE MTT-S Digest ("Hu"). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all limitations of dependent claim 2, which was indicated in the last Office Action as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants submit that Hu fails to disclose, teach or suggest all limitations of amended independent claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

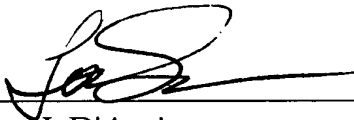
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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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